

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 16, 2006. Claims 15-18 are presented for examination, of which Claim 15 is in independent form. Claims 25-28 and 33 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 15-18 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested. The canceled claims will not be further addressed herein.

The specification has been amended to conform the Summary of Invention section to the amended claims.

The Drawings were objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 1.83(a) on the ground that they fail to show every feature of the claimed invention. Without admitting the correctness of the objection, Applicants have canceled from the claims, the recitation of “a change portion configured to change a communication state ... is confirmed as the error state.” Accordingly, Applicants submit that the objection to the drawings has been overcome and requests withdrawal of the objection.

The amendment to the specification filed April 20, 2006 was objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132(a) on the ground it introduces new matter into the disclosure. Without admitting the correctness of the objection, Applicants have canceled the objected-to material from the specification. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the objection to the specification has been overcome and requests withdrawal of the objection.

Claims 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Without admitting the correctness of the rejection, Applicants have canceled the objected-to material from the claims. Accordingly,

Applicants submit that the rejection under Section 112, first paragraph, has been overcome and requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,379,058 (Petteruti) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,463,307 (Larsson et al.) and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,580,700 (Pinard et al.).

As shown above, Applicants have amended independent Claim 15 in terms that more clearly define what they regard as their invention. The amended claims are clearly supported by at least the description of the fourth embodiment (see Figure 34). Applicants submit that this amended independent claim, together with the remaining claims dependent thereon, are patentably distinct from the cited prior art for at least the following reasons.

Claim 15 is directed to a communication apparatus including: (1) a wireless communication portion configured to wirelessly communicate with another communication apparatus, wherein the wireless communication portion has an active communication mode and power save communication mode; (2) a change portion configured to change the communication mode of said wireless communication portion and; (3) a display portion configured to display information about the communication mode in accordance with the change of the communication mode by the change portion.

Petteruti relates to a system including a host device and a portable printer in which the host and printer can be linked to each other to enable data communication via RF signals. Applicants, however, have found nothing in Petteruti that would teach or suggest “a display portion configured to display information about the communication mode in accordance with the change of the communication mode by said change portion,” as recited in Claim 15.

A review of the other art of record, including Larsson and Pinard, has failed to

reveal anything which, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against Claim 15.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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